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### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

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KAREN L. STRAUSS et al., Petitioners,

v

MARK B. HORTON et al., as State Registrar of Vital Statistics, etc., Respondents;

DENNIS HOLLINGSWORTH et al., Interveners.

ROBIN TYLER et al., Petitioners.

V.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA et al., Respondents; DENNIS HOLLINGSWORTH et al., Interveners.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO et al., Petitioners,

V.

MARK B. HORTON et al., as State Registrar of Vital Statistics, etc., Respondents;

DENNIS HOLLINGSWORTH et al., Interveners.

APPLICATION OF THE TYLER-OLSON PETITIONERS FOR PERMISSION TO FILE A REPLY BRIEF EXCEEDING 4200 WORDS; DECLARATION OF JOHN STEVEN WEST IN SUPPORT THEREOF

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TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

Pursuant to Rule 8.504 of the <u>California Rules of Court</u>, Petitioners Robin Tyler, Diane Olson, Cheri Schroeder and Coty Rafaely (collectively "the Tyler-Olson Petitioners") hereby respectfully request permission to file a Reply Brief exceeding 4200 words in S168066. A Reply Brief of 6,895 words has been submitted concurrently with this Application.

The Tyler-Olson Petitioners respectfully submit that good cause exists for the granting of this Application, as set forth in the accompanying Declaration of John Steven West, their counsel.

Dated: January 5, 2009

Respectfully
ALLRED, MAROKO & GOLDBERG
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# DECLARATION OF JOHN STEVEN WEST IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION BY THE TYLER-OLSON PETITIONERS FOR PERMISSION TO FILE A REPLY BRIEF EXCEEDING 4200 WORDS

- 1. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice before all of the Courts of the State of California. I am a partner in the law firm of Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, counsel of record for Petitioners Robin Tyler, Diane Olson, Cheri Schroeder and Coty Rafaely (collectively "the Tyler-Olson Petitioners") in case no. S168066. As such, I am familiar with the facts of this matter. The following is true of my own personal knowledge. If called, I could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. I am primarily responsible for finalizing and filing the Reply Brief of the Tyler-Olson Petitioners in this matter.
- 3. Because of the holiday season, and the need to have the Reply Brief reviewed by two of my partners, it was not finalized until late in the evening of Sunday, January 5, 2009. As a result, I was not able to seek or obtain the stipulation of the other parties to the filing of a brief in excess of the 4200 words permitted by Rule 8.504 of the California Rules of Court. I have always granted other counsel professional courtesies.
- 4. These consolidated cases involve numerous constitutional issues of considerable complexity, and of great importance. The importance of these issues is evidenced by the Supreme Court accepting original

jurisdiction of these matters, and by the Court's specification of issues to be addressed.

- 5. The Tyler-Olson Petitioners are particularly concerned about what they perceive to be the very adverse consequences of the Attorney General's positions regarding standards for a revision of the Constitution and regarding separation of powers. Because of the complexity of those issues, as well as their fundamental importance of those issues to the protection of civil rights and form of our government, it was not possible to adequately address the Attorney General's arguments, and to distinguish his authorities, in a Reply of 4,200 words or less.
- 6. I have attempted to address the numerous issues as efficiently as possible in the accompanying Reply, whose length is 6,895 words.
- 7. For all of the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request permission to file a Reply Brief of 6,895 words.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Los Angeles, California on this 5th day of January, 2009.

JOHN STEVEN WEST

#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

Case Name: Robin Tyler et al. v. The State of California, et al.

Case Number: S168066

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 6300 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, California 90048.

On January 5, 2009, I served the foregoing document described as APPLICATION OF THE TYLER-OLSON PETITIONERS FOR PERMISSION TO FILE A REPLY BRIEF EXCEEDING 4200 WORDS; DECLARATION OF JOHN STEVEN WEST IN SUPPORT THEREOF on the interested parties in this action

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